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Mueller, Herbert, Dr. [Peking, China]

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PEKING (CHINA)

November 29th, 1932.

Museum of the American Numismatic Society
156th Street and Broadway
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dear Sirs,-

Mr.William Dangaix Allen from THE READER'S DIGEST , a friend of mine who left Peking for New York at the end of July, had the kindness to take with him for delivery to you a letter dated July 22nd and containing one Chinese gold coin of extreme antiquity, two silver bars stamped with a date corresponding to 57 A.D., one silver coin of probably Far Eatsern Scythian origin and an emergency note in handwriting issued during the siege of Cho-chou five years ago which, I hoped, would be included in the Chinese Collection founded by my late friend Mr.John Reilly Jr. The price asked was $ 250 as a minimum. As I have heard nothing from you nor from Mr.Allen, I am writing to you in order to inquire if you have got the letter and the objects mentioned above and what you are intending to do about them.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience,

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours very truly,

Herb. Mueller.

January 4, 1932.

The Reader's Digest Association
Pleasantville
New York.

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing a letter which if possible we would to have delivered or forwarded to Mr. Allen. If you are unable to do this will you kindly return the letter to us. Thanking you for your attention in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

January 4, 1932.

Mr. William D. Allen
% The Reader's Digest
Pleasantville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We just received a letter from Dr. Herbert Mueller of Peking asking whether we had received a communication from you regarding certain Chinese coins which he had requested you to deliver when you left China in July last. As we have had no communication from you we shall be under the necessity of communicating to Dr. Mueller to this effect, unless we receive word from you in response to this letter. I am venturing to call the matter to your attention in the event that you may have endeavored unsuccessfully to communicate with us.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

January 17, 1933.

Dr. Herbert Mueller
56 Pei-Ho-Yen
Tung-Hua-Men
Peking, China.

Dear Sir:

On receipt of your letter of January 4th we wrote to William D. Allen and he promptly delivered to us the gold coin and three silver coins and paper money that you transmitted through him, as per your letter of July 22nd. I have shown these coins to our governing body and they have approved of the purchase and we have directed our bank to telegraph to the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation for your account $250.00. I am sorry that we could not send more but this is all the Council allowed me to send. We are very low in funds at the present moment and we will have to reimburse ourselves for this expenditure by subscription which at the present time will not be easy to raise. We appreciate your sending these and beg to thank you for this favor you have rendered us. Although the Reilly collection is in our building, as yet we do not own it. It is still owned by the widow but we hope eventually that it will be turned over to us. I have read your notes most carefully and if you hear anything further concerning other gold pieces like the one you sent us we would be glad to hear further.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator